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SUBJ: WHO PROGRAM BUDGET

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1. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) CO-CHARIMEN MET WITH WHO DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION FURTH JUNE 6 TO APPRISE HIM OF STAGE WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED IN THINKING AMOUNT GENEVA GROUP GOVERNMENTS ABOUT PROGRAM BUDGET GROWTH IN 1980-81 BIENNIUM (REF A), AND CLOSER AND MORE SOORDINATED ATTENTION BEGINNING TO BE GIVEN IN CAPITALS TO ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMS.

2. FURTH COMMENTED THAT THE FIRST AND BEST PLACE TO GET AT THE 1980-81 BUDGET WOULD BE IN THE MEETING OF THE WHO PROGRAM COMMITTEE IN LATE OCTOBER-EARLY NOVEMBER (IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHICH US, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA ARE REPRESENTED AND AT WHICH UK NON-MEMBER REPRESENTATION IS EXPECTED). AS FOR CENTRAL POSITION WHICH IS EMERGING IN GENEVA GROUP OF ONE PERCENT PER ANNUM (OR TWO PERCENT OVER-ALL REAL GROWTH) FOR THE 1980-81 BIENNIUM, FURTH SAID THAT IS PRECISELY THE PROJECTION TO WHICH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HOPES TO ADHERE.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF BETTER PROGRAM ANALYSIS BY GOVERNMENTS, HE SAID HE HAS GONE OVER THE CANADIAN PAPER AND FOUND IT GNERALLY GOOD, ALTHOUGH FAULTY TO THE EXTENT IT WAS ADDRESSED TO CERTAIN PECULIARITIES IN UNESCO BUDGETING NOT FOUND WHO PRACTICE. CO-CHAIRMEN EXPLAINED THAT THE GENEVA FROUP MEMEBERS WERE NOW ANGAGED IN REFINEMENTS OF THE CANADIAN PAPER, AND IT WAS LEFT THAT THE CANADIAN MISSION OR ANOTHER WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH HIM TO OBTAIN OBJECTIVE CRITICISMS OF THIS SORT WHICH HE COULD SUPPLY.

4. OVERALL, FURTH'S REACTION TO THE DEMARCHE WAS EXTREMELY FAVORABLE. HE STATED THAT HE REGRETTED THE LIMITED DIALOGUE WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER THE YEARS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND THE SECRETARIAT IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM BUDGENTS, AND WELCOMED THE MORE DELIVERATE APPROACH HE SENSED GENEVA GROUP GOVERNMENTS NOW ARE TAKING. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS IS THE VIEW ALSO OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL. BY WAY OF FURTHER EMPHASIZING THIS LAST HE SAID THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO CONVEY TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN AN INVITATION TO THE GENEVA GROUP TO PREPARE, FOR EXAMPLE, A DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE FUTURE WHO PROGRAM WHICH HE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO HAVE PLACED BEGORE THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE ALONG WITH HIS OWN PAPER.

5. CO-CHAIRMEN LEFT IT WITH FURTH THAT WE SHOULD MEET AGAIN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AS FURTHER PROGRESS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENEVA GROUP THINKING MADE IT USEFUL TO DO SO (PROBABLY IN EARLY SEPTEMBER).
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